

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**February 13, 2012**

City of Chula Vista, Chula Vista Nature Center  
1000 Gunpowder Point Drive

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** By Chair Stillman at 4:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Stillman, Commissioners Coleman, Kappes, Rahimzadeh, and Vargas

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Commissioners Davis and Romo

**MOTION TO EXCUSE:** Commissioner Romo, motion to excuse approved  
Commissioner Davis, motion to excuse from the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting approved

**STAFF PRESENT:** Environmental Resource Manager Reed, Environmental Services Programs Manager France, Recycling Specialist Medrano, and Sr. Secretary Fields

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Minutes of January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 were approved with Chair Stillman and Commissioner Vargas abstaining

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Nature Center Recycling Exhibit Tour

Lead Educator for the Nature Center, Katie Wedemeyer discussed the new "Washed Ashore" exhibit at the Chula Vista Nature Center. The exhibit features sculptures of marine animals fashioned from marine debris and plastics that have washed ashore from the ocean. Wedemeyer stated that all the plastics that are part of the exhibit were found on only a 20-mile span of beach in Southern Oregon that the artist collected along with community partners, schools, and local volunteer organizations. She said that in under eighteen months, they were able to turn over 7,000 pounds of debris into the sculptures. She further stated that everything was used just as it had been found, and that the only processing done to the items was washing them and sorting them into different colors and sizes. She added that no plastic adhesive had been used in creating the sculptures—that each individual piece had been hand-drilled and wired together so that no additional plastic was used in the production of it. She then conducted the tour.

2. Recycling BIN and Point of Return Video

Environmental Services Programs Manager Lynn France showed a video documentary, which illustrated what happens to recyclables after they leave the curb. It explored sustainable choices with regard to local, regional, and international consequences, using Oakland, California and the Pacific Rim as a case study. A group discussion followed the video.

3. Update on SDG&E General Rate Case II Proposal

Environmental Resource Manager Reed stated that on January 18<sup>th</sup> the Public Utilities Commissioner came out with a scoping memo and ruling which directed SDG&E to re-submit a General Rate Case proposal with the network use charge removed. SDG&E will be submitting that by February 17<sup>th</sup> and the City will be closely evaluating what's in the application. Reed stated that the Commissioner had ruled that this was more of a state-wide issue and that it should not be included in a rate case for one utility. He added that this will probably come back as a stand alone proceeding at the state level—discussing how solar rates should be structured. He stated that he would continue to keep the RCC updated. The group then discussed the issue.

4. RCC Action Plan – Brendan Reed and Lynn France

The group identified RCC members to act as leads on each of the various topics on the Action Plan list.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

None

**MANAGERS COMMENTS**

- Gave a review of the Grand Opening event for the Sustainable Showcase Home and distributed a flyer listing upcoming events to be held at the home.
- Announced an electronics waste event on February 25<sup>th</sup>, and an upcoming electronics and "Protect your Identify" event at the Post Office.
- Mentioned an upcoming Green Business Challenge training event.

**CHAIR COMMENTS**

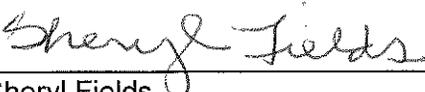
None

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

- Commissioner Coleman reported on a Wildlife Advisory Group tour of the decommissioned South Bay Power Plant site.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m. to a regular meeting on Monday, March 12 2012, at 4:00 pm in Executive Conference Room 103, Building 300, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910.

Prepared by:

  
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Sr. Secretary